

Vocationalisation of Higher Education in Assam

1399. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allotted to Assam for vocationalisation of higher and secondary education in the State during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount released and utilised, year-wise during the above period;

(c) the time by which the rest of the amount is likely to be released; and

(d) the number of vocational institutes with their locations under Centrally sponsored scheme functioning in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, grants are released to the State Governments including Government of Assam on the basis of proposals received from them.

During the last three years, the position of funds released and utilised by the State Govt. of Assam is as follows :

Year	Amount released	Amount utilised (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	291.54	100.94
1994-95	164.42	76.78
1995-96	108.52	Utilisation not received.

(d) So far 350 vocational sections in 150 schools spread over all the districts of State are functioning.

Modernisation Programme for MIG-21

1400. SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to modernise the MIG-21 aircraft;

(b) if so, whether a team of experts is scheduled to visit Moscow for the same; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). A contract has been concluded with the Russians for modernisation of the MIG-21 BIS aircraft in the IAF inventory. The contract, for design and development on two MIG-21 BIS aircraft of the IAF, provides for positioning

of a Project Team in Russia. The responsibilities of the Project Team include, inter-alia, programme management, co-ordination of activities of vendors to ensure incorporation of user requirements in the design and development phase. Accordingly, a team of officers and airmen is being positioned in Russia for the entire duration of work. In order to start the work as per the contractual schedule, a part of the team has already been sent to Moscow.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas on Fake Transfer Certificates

1401. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of admissions had been made in Kendriya Vidyalaya New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi and Meerut during preceding three session on allegedly fake transfer certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). Three cases in Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi and ten cases in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Punjab Lines, Meerut of admission on fake transfer certificates have been reported. Four employees involved in these admissions have been transferred out of Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi as a preliminary step. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has already instructed the Assistant Commissioner concerned to conduct a detailed inquiry into the matter.

Naval Academy at Ezhimala

1402. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Naval Academy at Ezhimala in Kerala;

(b) whether the State Government has handed over land to the Union Government for the academy;

(c) whether all the infrastructural facilities for the first phase has been completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The State Government is providing various infrastructural facilities required for the construction of the Naval Academy Project. These

include water and electricity supply, roads and bridges, dredging of the back waters etc. There has been a marginal delay in completion of the infrastructural facilities.

[Translation]

Salaries to DTC Employees

1403. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DTC employees are still not getting their salary in time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of employees who have not been paid their salaries indicating the number of months;

(c) whether Government have any plan to provide additional funds to DTC in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the DTC employees are likely to be paid the arrears in respect of dearness allowance and bonus; and

(e) the measure taken/proposed to be taken to ensure timely payment of salaries to the DTC employees in future?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). DTC has been incurring heavy losses for the last so many years and its internal resources are not sufficient to liquidate its committed liabilities in time. As a result, there has been some delay in disbursing salaries to the employees. However, all the employees of DTC have been paid their salary upto the Month of June, 1996.

(c) to (e). The Government has taken various measures to provide sufficient funds to DTC depending upon the availability of budgetary resources and DTC is also making all out efforts to generate more funds to enable it to liquidate its committed liabilities.

[English]

Public Sector Road Transport

1404. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by the Government, a good number of Public Sector road transport undertakings have recorded losses during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the names of such undertakings and the amount of loss suffered and the names of those earned profits during the period, State-wise;

(c) the main reasons for such losses; and

(d) the measures proposed to improve their working?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). The performance of State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) is reviewed by the Planning commission each year at the time of the finalisation of the Annual Plan. In accordance with a study confined to 46 Public Sector Undertakings whose resources form part of the State Plan resources conducted by the Planning Commission in September 1995; there has been a steady improvement in the overall indices of physical performance viz. vehicle productivity, bus staff ratio, staff productivity and fuel efficiency. However, financial position of SRTUs has not shown any improvement. A statement indicating the profit/loss of various SRTUs during the year 1994-95 and 1995-96 (estimated) is attached.

(c) In accordance with the study, losses of SRTUs have been attributed to the following :-

- (i) Operations on uneconomic obligatory routes
- (ii) Operation on routes falling on bad roads causing high cost of maintenance.
- (iii) Concessions to students, physically handicapped Government Servants etc.
- (iv) Uneconomic fares.

(d) The Planning Commission have been emphasising the following measures to be taken for meeting the overall performance of SRTUs :-

- (i) Improvement of productivity by better management and control;
- (ii) Improvement of maintenance facilities and thereby resulting in improved fuel efficiency
- (iii) Appropriate tariff revision;
- (iv) containment of staff.

STATEMENT

Net Profit/Loss of State Road Transport Undertakings

(Rs. in crores)

State Road Transport Undertakings	1994-95 Latest Estimate	1995-96 Estimated
1	2	3
1. Andhra Pradesh	+ 6.50	- 88.83
2. Arunachal Pradesh	- 3.84	- 4.63
3. Assam	- 21.74	- 17.40
4. Bihar	- 42.59	- 38.39
5. Goa (Kadamba)	- 2.71	- 2.45
6. Gujarat	- 102.33	- 100.05
7. Haryana	- 11.50	- 23.05
8. Himachal Pradesh	- 32.44	- 36.57
9. Jammu & Kashmir	- 20.96	- 24.06
10. Karnataka	- 90.49	- 99.10